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Dear Sirs:

I protest the laxity of the DoJ settlement in the Microsoft antitrust suit.

I am not a software developer, but have been involved in applications development since 1986. I am also a student of history. Microsoft does not make the best operating system or software, but over the years, its unfair practices have beaten down the competition using unfair competitive practices.

The arrogance in Microsoft's response to this suit is too reminiscent of the coal industry, the oil and gas industry, and other "dirty" industries the trustbusters took on in the past. In these days of business consolidation, and multinational corporations, the Department of Justice should be more representative of the American public, rather than an internationally based corporation looking primarily at the corporate profit picture.

I expect the US Department of Justice to take a firmer stand in protection of the rights of American consumers, and the free enterprise system.